

Claims

1. A rotary tissue-cutting instrument forming a laryngeal blade comprising
an outer tubular member having a hub, a proximal portion having a longitudinal axis
5 and extending distally from said hub to a proximal bend curving in a first direction, an
intermediate portion extending distally at an angle to said longitudinal axis of said
proximal portion in a first plane, the intermediate section extending from said proximal
bend to a distal bend curving in a second direction, and a distal portion extending
distally from said distal bend in a second plane, the distal portion extending to a distal
10 end having an opening therein, and
an inner member rotatably disposed in said outer tubular member and having a
proximal end for mounting to a powered handpiece and a distal cutting tip disposed
adjacent said opening in said distal end of said outer tubular member, said inner
member being flexible adjacent said distal and proximal bends.
15. 2. An instrument according to claim 1 wherein the first and second planes are at an
angle, one to another, of between 10 and 120 degrees.
3. An instrument according to claim 2 wherein the first and second planes are at an
20 angle, one to another, of between 45 and 100 degrees.
4. An instrument according to claim 3 wherein the first and second planes are at an
angle, one to another, of between 60 and 90 degrees.
- 25 5. An instrument according to claim 1 wherein the proximal, intermediate and distal
portions are each of straight configuration.
6. An instrument according to claim 1 wherein said proximal portion has a length
between said hub and said proximal bend, said intermediate portion has a length
30 between said proximal bend and said distal bend, and said distal portion has a length
between said distal bend and said distal end, said length of said intermediate portion
being greater than said length of said proximal portion and being greater than said

length of said distal portion.

7. An instrument according to claim 1 wherein there is a suction passage extending along said inner member to permit aspiration of cut tissue.